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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Sir :

In response to the Official Action of November 9, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 9, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.  
**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.